Sheet 1 of 1 Form PTO-1449 US Dept. of Commerce ATTY DOCKET NO. APPLICATION NO. PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE (REV. 8-83) 117970 10/726,682 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (Use several sheets if necessary) **APPLICANTS** Hitoshi MIZUTANI et al. FILING DATE December 4, 2003 U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS **EXAMINER** SUB INITIAL **DOCUMENT NUMBER** DATE NAME **CLASS CLASS** FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS SUB DOCUMENT NUMBER DATE COUNTRY **CLASS** CLASS Tub JP A 10-90678 w/ abst & trans 04/10/1998 Japan OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.) **EXAMINER** Thoi DATE CONSIDERED Durny 08/22/05 Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with M.P.E.P. 609; draw line through citation if not in

conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Date: March 4, 2004

Examiner: